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NEWS RELEASE

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UM, MISSOULA MARK EARTH DAY '96 WITH CITYWIDE CLEANUP

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana and Missoula communities will combine forces again this year to clean up the campus and city Saturday, April 20, in celebration of Earth Day.

Volunteers are needed for "A Clean Start" to help in the morning with projects that range from picking up litter and repairing the "M" Trail to raking and revegetation. Workers are asked to report to check-in points at the Caras Park parking lot and the base of the "M" Trail to pick up assignments and equipment beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers should bring work gloves and drinking water.

Cleanup concludes at noon, but the community celebration will continue from 1 to 7 p.m. at Caras Park. Highlights of the event coordinated by the Five Valleys Land Trust/Mount Jumbo Campaign include music, speakers and educational and children's events. The first 250 volunteers to register at the check-in points will receive discount coupons that can be used for food from Caras Park vendors at the afternoon celebration.

The public is encouraged to donate recyclables--newspapers, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic--at Caras Park collection points that afternoon. Recycle Now will donate the proceeds to the Mount Jumbo Campaign.

UM and Missoula organizations combined forces last year for the citywide cleanup. The event is an extension of UM's annual Aber Day cleanup that was started by Professor William

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"Daddy" Aber in 1915.

"We've made it more of a cooperative effort," said Annie Pontrelli, UM community relations and outreach coordinator and A Clean Start organizer. "Missoula is a community that cares about its quality of life, and that makes this such a distinctive place to live. There's no better activity that reinforces that community spirit than sprucing up our town."

At 12:15 p.m., UM's Diversity Advisory Council will host a tree planting ceremony near the Oval. "The All People's Tree," a white fir, will be planted near the northwest corner of Main Hall to symbolize the diverse people of the world.

"I imagine the tree serving as a living church where all people could come for silent moments as well as a place where large gatherings could assemble for Native American Day, Martin Luther King Day and other similar important times," said Jon Stannard, Upward Bound director at UM and a member of the Diversity Advisory Council.

To volunteer or find out more, call UM's Volunteer Action Services at 243-4442.

A Clean Start's participants include the U.S. Forest Service, the UM President's Office, UM Facilities Services, UM Community Relations and Outreach, RSVP Senior Environment Corps, Volunteer Action Services, Five Valleys Land Trust/Mount Jumbo Campaign, Volunteer Montana!, UM Diversity Advisory Council, Americorps, Community Service, Missoula Urban Development, Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, A Carousel for Missoula, Rattlesnake Middle School, Missoula City Park, Missoula Downtown Association, MontPIRG and Feet First.

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